

CHATTERIS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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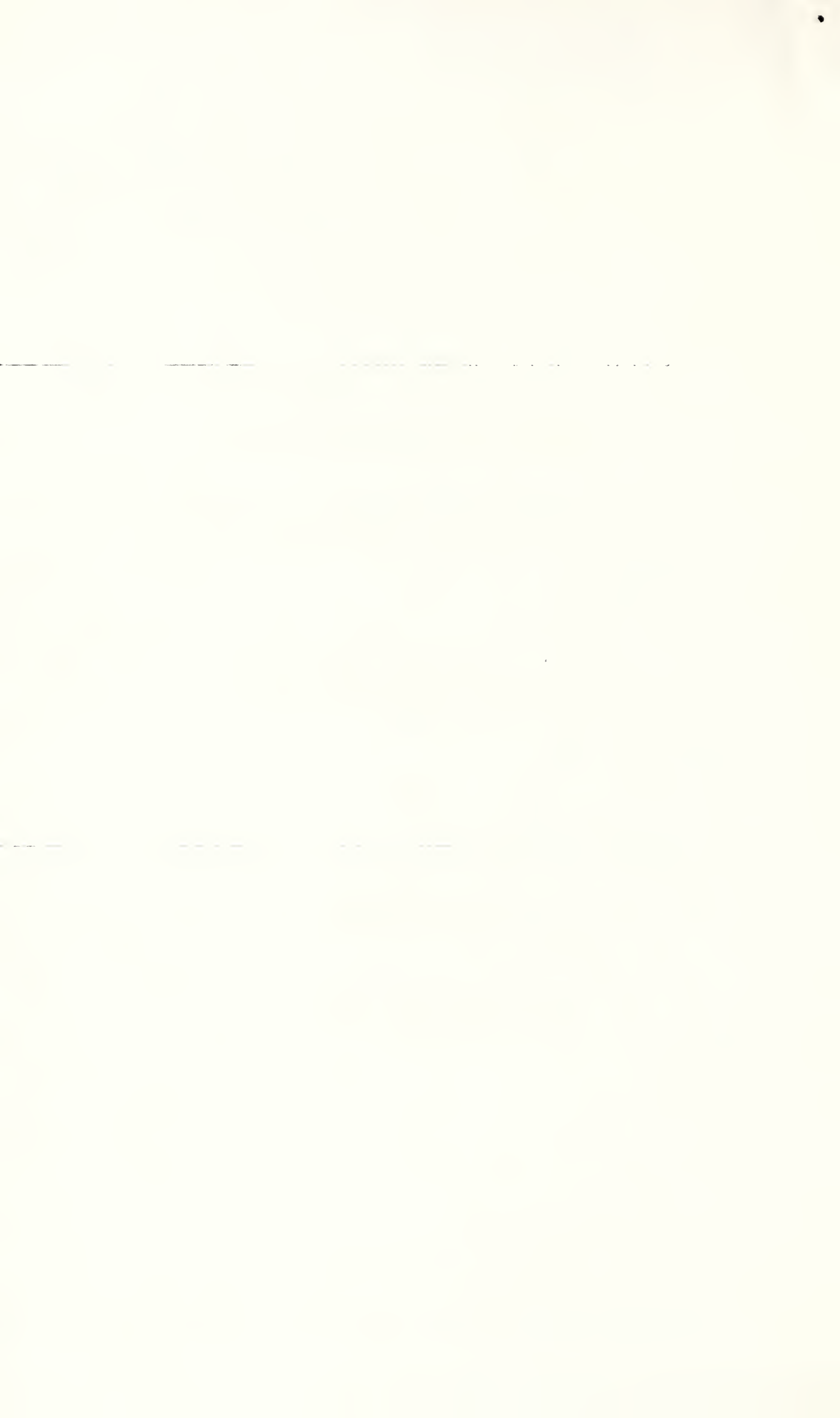
OF

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR

THE YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER, 1965



ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year ending 31st December, 1965

To the Chairman and Members of CHATTERIS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

I submit hereafter my Annual Report on the Chatteris Urban District.

ESTIMATED POPULATION - mid. 1963 - 5,500
mid. 1964 - 5,470
mid. 1965 - 5,490

LIVE BIRTHS

1961	15.94 per thousand population
1962	14.15 per thousand population
1963 - 84	- 15.27 per thousand population
1964 - 85	- 15.54 per thousand population
1965 - 87	- 15.87 per thousand population

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS - 3

1963 - 1	- 1.195 percent of live births
1964 - 7	- 8.235 percent of live births
1965 - 3	- 3.45 percent of live births

STILL BIRTHS - 1 legitimate

1963 - 2	- 23.2 per thousand of total births
1964 - 2	- 22.9 per thousand of total births
1965 - 1	- 11.4 per thousand of total births

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS - 88

INFANT DEATHS - 7

INFANT MORTALITY

1960	2 deaths	24.00 per thousand live births
1961	3 deaths	34.09 per thousand live births
1962	3 deaths	38.50 per thousand live births
1963	2 deaths	23.82 per thousand live births
1964	1 death	11.76 per thousand live births
1965	7 deaths	80.46 per thousand live births

One illegitimate death of infant.

NEO NATAL MORTALITY RATE (under four weeks old) Two.

EARLY NEO NATAL MORTALITY RATE (under one week old) One.

PRE-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (still births and under one week)

2 still births and 1 under one week.

MATERNAL MORTALITY none known

WATER SUPPLY

Wisbech & District Water Board is the Statutory Authority and piped mains supply from Marham, Norfolk, supply 1833 houses directly and approximately 65 by external stand pipes, a few remaining houses in the outlying fens have no piped supply. The supply generally is of satisfactory quality and quantity, the results 104 Bacteriological samples tested was 100% negative. 552 yards of new mains have been laid during year.

FLUORIDATION OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

It is a disturbing fact that, though fluoridation has been proved highly effective in the war against dental decay, we are unable to avail ourselves of this in Chatteris due to elements of opposition both in the local Council and the Council at the source of our water supply. Surely it is illogical to continue to subject the younger generation to so much unnecessary dental decay because of the inadequate fluoride content of the water?

To witness the suffering and ill health caused by dental decay in youngsters, and indeed the distress of total extraction would surely be food for thought for those against fluoridation.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Direct labour is used to operate a weekly collection in the town and fortnightly in the outlying fens.

RIVERS, STREAMS AND WATERCOURSES

There are no natural rivers and streams, the town being built on a layer of Kimmeridge clay thrown up and forming high land running north to south and rainfall gravitated off the east and west slopes to artificial dykes and to the main drains constructed some three hundred years ago when the fens were reclaimed.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

This is on the water carriage system in the Urban District.

SCHOOLS

All are supplied with piped water and generally satisfactory sanitary conditons.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Both Acre Fen and Nightlayer Works are working satisfactorily.

NURSING SERVICE AND HEALTH VISITORS SERVICE

Chatteris has an excellent Nursing Service. There are two Nurses each an S.R.N. S.C.N. in addition one has the Health Visitors Certificate. They live in separate flats in a new self-contained suit which appears to be satisfactory. A male nurse resident in March assists with male cases. There is close liaison between the nurses and the General Practitioners.

HEALTH EDUCATION

The Health Education in relation to Venereal Disease and Smoking is adequately provided for in such media as the National Press, Radio and Television.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Since the amalgamation of the Isle of Ely with Cambridgeshire there has been a slight shuffling around. The main office for this area is situated at March, with a Staff providing a full 24 hour coverage. I understand at times they are overwhelmed with work indicating an urgent need for an additional officer. However Chatteris receives an excellent service. The mentally subnormal Juniors can be trained at Highfield, Ely and the Adult mentally subnormal at Gordon Avenue, March. There is a small percentage of Chatteris inhabitants who attend these centres.



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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

Two medical practitioners provide a full 24 hour service in Chatteris. The work is conducted in a modern well equipped health centre. A nurse dispenser is employed and she has been trained to carry out all necessary dressings, thereby relieving the Doctors of some of the routine work. Hospitals at Doddington, Wisbech and Cambridge provide good institutional treatment and fortunately for most cases there are no long waiting lists. Chatteris is very fortunate in this respect. Acute emergencies are always promptly accepted.

PUBLIC TOILETS

The public toilets show a considerable improvement. A smart almost indestructable wash basin has been installed which I think is a step in the right direction. Unfortunately soap and drying facilities are not provided, but perhaps over the years the public can be educated to respect these facilities if and when they are provided. However the toilets have a greater atmosphere of cleanliness which is to be encouraged.

Now that the Council have made a start in providing washing amenities, all these shops and premises which handle food should take a hint.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Since the amalgamation of the Isle of Ely with Cambridgeshire, Chatteris no longer has its own Ambulance. The whole of the Ambulance Service for the Northern area of the Isle is organized from Headquarters stationed at March. All Ambulances are fitted with a two-way radio link, thereby giving very close and efficient co-operation. Here in Chatteris we have had no complaints so far but nevertheless we will never have the quick cheery efficient service we used to enjoy.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

A Chiropodist attends the local Chemist giving both office and domiciliary treatment. Males over 65, Females over 60, Expectant Mothers and Handicapped persons are treated at a considerably reduced fee.

INCONTINENCE PADS SERVICE

All those in need of incontinence pads are supplied by the local nurses who obtain them from the Welfare centre at March. Disposal of soiled pads has caused no difficulties so far. The pads are usually burnt on the fire in the patients house. A small incinerator has been installed in the nurses clinic but this is not large enough for this purpose.

NOTIFICATION OF CONGENITAL BIRTH DEFECTS

All congenital defects apparent at birth are notified to the Medical Officer of Health. This is carried out by the midwife or the General Practitioner.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Members,

Your obedient servant,

H. S. Bates

Medical Officer of Health

DEATHS the main causes of death were:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	3	1	4
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	7	3	10
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	4	2	6
Coronary Disease, Angina	10	3	13
Other Heart Disease	10	9	19
Pneumonia		2	2
Influenza		1	1
Bronchitis	2	1	3
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-	-
Congenital Malformations	-	1	1
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	1	2	3
Accidents	1	-	1
	<u>38</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>63</u>

Death rate per thousand population = 11.5

SUMMARY OF FOOD INSPECTIONS
1965

1. Number of Food Premises

Cafes	1	Fishmongers	4
Hotels	2	Grocers	15
Milk Producers	3	Butchers	6
Milk Retailers	3	Greengrocers	7
Bakers	4		

2. Number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drug Act, 1955 and the number of Dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949/1954

Ice Cream Retailers	20
Ice Cream Producers	1
Sausage Producers	5
Number of Dairies	3

3. Disposal of Condemned Food

Condemned food is disposed of by burning except for large articles and tinned foods which are normally buried surrounded with quick-lime.

Food Condemned

4 lb. tin Pressed Ham
14 lb. fresh Crabs
8 lb. fresh Lambs Liver.

MEAT INSPECTION 1965

	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Bullocks</u>	<u>Weight of Meat Condemned</u>
January	10	99	26	84½ lbs.
February	22	93	20	76½ lbs.
March	20	105	18	56½ lbs.
April	28	85	19	71½ lbs.
May	8	95	23	27 lbs.
June	6	58	20	70 lbs.
July	-	94	19	168 lbs.
August	17	78	19	63 lbs.
September	8	91	19	16 lbs.
October	7	98	20	119 lbs.
November	7	92	17	133 lbs.
December	3	42	9	36 lbs.
	<u>196</u>	<u>1,030</u>	<u>229</u>	

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IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1965
FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF CHATTERIS
IN THE COUNTY OF COMBRIDGESHIRE
FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 - 1939

Prescribed Particulars of the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1937

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. - INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to Health
(including inspections made by Public
Health Inspector)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	4	21	-	-
Factories not included above in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	18	132	-	-
Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	22	153	-	-

2. - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			to H. M. Inspector	by H. M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	1	1	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	1	1	-	-	-

2. - Cases in which DEFECTS were found (continued)

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			to H. M. Inspector	by H. M. Inspector	
<u>Sanitary Conveniences</u>					
a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other defects against the Act (not including offences	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	3	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUT-WORK

(sections 110 and 111)

Nil Return

Signature

H S Kato

Medical Officer
of Health

Date: 19th December, 1966

